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FOOD Guide PYRAMID

for Young Children

A Daily Guide for
2- to 6-Year-Olds



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FOOD IS FUN and learning about food is fun, too. Eating foods from the Food Guide Pyramid and being physically active will help you grow healthy and strong.

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WHAT COUNTS AS ONE SERVING?

GRAIN GROUP

1 slice of bread
1/2 cup of cooked rice or pasta
1/2 cup of cooked cereal
1 ounce of ready-to-eat cereal

VEGETABLE GROUP

1/2 cup of chopped raw or cooked vegetables
1 cup of raw leafy vegetables

FRUIT GROUP

1 piece of fruit or melon wedge
3/4 cup of juice
1/2 cup of canned fruit
1/4 cup of dried fruit

MILK GROUP

1 cup of milk or yogurt
2 ounces of cheese

MEAT GROUP

2 to 3 ounces of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish
1/2 cup of cooked dry beans, or 1 egg counts as 1 ounce of lean meat.
2 tablespoons of peanut butter count as 1 ounce of meat.

FATS AND SWEETS

Limit calories from these.

Four- to 6-year-olds can eat these serving sizes. Offer 2- to 3-year-olds less, except for milk.
Two- to 6-year-old children need a total of 2 servings from the milk group each day.

EAT a variety of **FOODS** AND **ENJOY!**